

§251.4 Geological and geophysical activities requiring notices or permits.

§251.4-1 Geological and geophysical exploration for mineral resources.

Geological or geophysical exploration for mineral resources may not be conducted on the OCS without an approved permit unless such activities are being conducted pursuant to a lease issued or maintained under the Act. Separate permits must be obtained for geological exploration for mineral resources and for geophysical exploration for mineral resources. If the Director disapproves an application, the statement of rejection shall state the reasons for the denial, and shall advise the applicant of those changes needed to obtain approval.

§251.4-2 Geological or geophysical scientific research.

Geological or geophysical scientific research may not be conducted by any person on the OCS without an approved permit or filing of a notice unless such activities are being conducted pursuant to a lease issued or maintained under the Act.

(a) Separate permits must be obtained for geological scientific research and for geophysical scientific research which involves the use of solid or liquid explosives or the drilling of a deep stratigraphic test. If the Director disapproves an application, the statement of rejection shall state the reasons for the denial, and shall advise the applicant of the changes needed to obtain approval.

(b) A notice must be filed with the Director at least 30 days prior to the commencement of scientific research activities which involve shallow test drilling. Within 21 days of the filing of the notice, the Director may disapprove the notice by sending a statement of disapproval by certified mail to the person who filed the notice. If the Director disapproves the notice, the statement shall state the reasons for disapproval and shall advise the applicant of recommended changes.

§251.5 Applying for notices or permits.

§251.5-1 Permit forms.

(a) An application for a permit shall be submitted in a form and manner prescribed and approved by the Director. Each application for a permit shall include:

(1) The name of any person who will conduct the proposed exploration or research activity;

(2) The name of any person who will participate in the proposed exploration or research activity;

(3) The type of exploration or research activity and the manner in which the activity will be conducted;

(4) The location on the OCS where the exploration or research activity will be conducted;

(5) The purpose for conducting the exploration or research activity;

(6) The dates on which the exploration or research activity is proposed to be commenced and completed; and,

(7) Such other relevant information and data as the Director may require.

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§251.5-2 Notices.

A notice shall not be on a standardized form, but shall be signed and shall state:

(a) The name of the person conducting or participating in the proposed research;

(b) The type of research and manner in which it will be conducted;

(c) The location, designated on a map, plat, or chart, where the research will be conducted;

(d) The dates, which shall designate a period of not more than 1 year, on which the research activity is proposed to be commenced and completed;

(e) The proposed time and manner in which the information and data resulting from the research will be made available to the public for inspection and reproduction, such time being the earliest practicable time;

(f) An agreement that the information and data resulting from the research will not be sold or withheld for exclusive use; and